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1. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "DANGEROUS ACTIVITY", NEUES
DEUTSCHLAND (ND) AUGUST 10 FOR FIRST TIME OPENLY
ADDRESSED GROWING EXFILTRATION PROBLEM. FOLLOWING
LENGTHY RECITATION OF GDR "GENEROSITY" IN IMPLEMENTING
GDR/FRG TRANSIT AGREEMENT, ND COMPLAINS FRG AND WEST
BERLIN HAVE NOT RESPONDED IN SIMILAR SPIRIT BUT ON
CONTRARY HAVE TOLERATED OPERATIONS OF "GANGSTER GROUPS"
ENGAGED IN HELPING EAST GERMAN ESCAPEES ON COMMERCIAL
BAIS. (ACCORDING ND, CURRENT "BOUNTY" (OPFGELD)
BETWEEN 40-80,000 DM.) ND FURTHER ACCUSES FRG AND WEST
BERLIN AUTHORITIES OF ABETTING EXFILTRATION BY PROMISING
EAST GERMAN "SCIENTISTS, DOCTORS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS"
LUCRATIVE POSITIONS IN WEST, AND POINTS OUT THAT EXFIL-
TRATION SERVICES CAN EVEN BE ADVERTIZED IN FRG AND WEST
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BERLIN PRESS. TO ILLUSTRATE EXTENT OF THIS "GROSSEST

VIOLATION" OF TRANSIT AGREEMENT, ND NOTES THAT DURING FIRST HALF OF 1973 ALONE, GDR WAS "FORCED" TO ARREST 77 "TRADERS IN HUMAN BODIES" (MENSCHENHAENDLER).

2. WHILE ADMITTING THAT EXFILTRATION ISSUE HAS BECOME ITEM OF LIVELY PUBLIC DEBATE IN FRG AND WEST BERLIN, ND STATES BLUNTLY THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF TREATIES IS AN OBLIGATION NOT SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND CALLS ON FRG AND SENAT TO PUT EFFECTIVE STOP TO ANY ACTIVITY FROM THEIR TERRITORY THAT VIOLATES TRANSIT AGREEMENT. MORE-OVER, EDITORIAL MAKES CLEAR THAT, FOR ITS PART, GDR WILL DEFEND ITS "SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND LEGITIMATE INTERESTS" AND "AT PROPER TIME DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO PREVENT MISUSE OF TRANSIT ROUTES."

3. COMMENT. AS REPORTED EARLIER (REF B), GDR CONCERN OVER GROWING RATE OF EXFILTRATION IS RAPIDLY REACHING STAGE WHERE IT MAY ATTEMPT TO INSTITUTE MORE RIGID CONTROL PROCEDURES ON TRANSIT ROUTES. AT SAME TIME, GDR CLEARLY WISHES ESCAPE OPPROBRIUM FOR SUCH ACTION. INDEED, IT APPARENTLY STILL HOPES TO BE ABLE TO PRESSURE FRG AND SENAT INTO CRACKING DOWN ON EXFILTRATION ACTIVITIES AND THUS TO AVOID NEED FOR DRASTIC MOVE OF ITS OWN. GDR NEGOTIATING TACTICS IN NEXT BAHR-KOHL MEETING (BONN 11427) ALSO LIKELY TO REFLECT INTENSIFIED EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION.KLEIN

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